

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION	ATTORNEY DKT No: 5233.012.NPUS01
OF: GARNER ET AL.	CONFIRMATION NO.: 5155
SERIAL NO. 10/711,156	GROUP ART UNIT: 1634
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TITLE: . METHODS FOR DETECTING AND QUANTIFYING SPECIFIC PROBIOTIC MICROORGANISMS IN ANIMAL	

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir,

In response to the final office action mailed on November 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicants' remarks below.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.